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CAMBODIA: STATUS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Prime Minister Lon Nol's Government of Cambodia (GOC) seems to have the diplomatic edge over Prince Sihanouk's Peking-based Royal Government of National Union (RGNU) by a count of 22 to 17.

The Lon Nol regime has been careful not to force a hard choice between itself and Sihanouk, and several countries have not declared their position. Thus, it is impossible to define accurately the exact status of Cambodia's diplomatic relations. Of the 44 countries that had diplomatic relations with Cambodia before Sihanouk's ouster last March, 16 have accepted the legitimacy of the GOC, 10 have broken with the GOC and recognized the RGNU, and seven do not appear to be exclusively committed to either; information is not available on the remaining 11 countries. Of the uncommitted seven, France, Pakistan, and Sweden apparently are maintaining contacts with both claimants while the other four, led by the Soviet Union, have recognized Sihanouk's political movement (National United Front of Cambodia--FUNK) but not his government-in-exile, and have not broken relations with the Lon Nol government.

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In addition, 13 countries, which have never had relations or had broken with Cambodia in recent years, have indicated their preference for the GOC or the RGNU. Seven left-leaning African and Arab countries have recognized the RGNU while six countries--South Vietnam, Thailand, South Korea, Republic of China, and Malaysia--have accepted the GOC and, except for Malaysia, are in the process of formalizing relations.

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	<u>Accept GOC</u>	<u>Recognize RGNU</u>	<u>Un- committed</u>	<u>No Info</u>
<u>Communist Countries</u>				
Albania		X		
Bulgaria*			X	
China (PRC)		X		
Cuba		X		
Czechoslovakia*			X	
Germany (GDR)				X
Hungary*			X	
Korea (DPRK)		X		
Mongolia				X
Poland				X
Rumania		X		
USSR*			X	
North Vietnam (DRV)		X		
Yugoslavia		X		
<u>East Asia</u>				
Australia	X			
Burma	X			
China (GRC)**	X			
Indonesia	X			
Japan	X			

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	<u>Accept GOC</u>	<u>Recognize RGNU</u>	<u>Un- committed</u>	<u>No Info</u>
Laos	X			
Malaysia**	X			
Philippines	X			
Singapore	X			
Thailand**	X			
South Vietnam**	X			
South Korea**	X			
<u>Europe</u>				
Austria				X
Belgium	X			
Denmark	X			
France			X	
Germany (FRG)**	X			
Italy				X
Netherlands	X			
Spain				X
Sweden			X	
Switzerland	X			
United Kingdom	X			
<u>Others</u>				
Algeria		X		
Argentina				X
Ceylon	X			
Congo (B)**		X		

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	<u>Accept GOC</u>	<u>Recognize RGNU</u>	<u>Un- committed</u>	<u>No Info</u>
Guinea				X
India	X			
Iraq**		X		
Israel	X			
Lebanon				X
Libya**		X		
Mauritania		X		
Pakistan			X	
Senegal				X
South Yemen**		X		
Sudan**		X		
Syria**		X		
Tanzania**		X		
Turkey				X
UAR		X		
US	<u>X</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
TOTAL	22	17	7	11

*Recognize FUNK.

**Did not have relations with Cambodia at time of Sihanouk's ouster.

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